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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF TOCUMEN-ALBROOK COMMUNICATIONS CABLE TO GOP

REF: (A) STATE 063345, 29 MARCH 1974 (B) PANAMA 3601, 21 JUNE  
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1. EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 34 OF APRIL 10, 1974, TO FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCERNING INTERIM MEASURES FOR MAINTAINING THE COMMUNICATIONS CABLE BETWEEN ALBROOK AND TOCUMEN AIRPORT UNTIL INSTALLATION OF MICROWAVE SYSTEM PROPOSED BY GOP TO REPLACE CABLE WAS NEVER ANSWERED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF PANAMANIAN RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THAT PORTION OF CABLE LOCATED OUTSIDE CANAL ZONE. HOWEVER, MICROWAVE SYSTEM REPLACING OBSOLETE CABLE IS NOW OPERATIONAL, SO THAT CABLE MAINTENANCE ISSUE IS NO LONGER RELEVANT. FAA REMAINS WILLING TO ASSUME COST OF MAINTENANCE OF MICROWAVE SYSTEM WITHIN CANAL ZONE, OTHER THAN SPARE PARTS, AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED. BACK-UP FOR MICROWAVE SYSTEM PROVIDED BY TWO CABLE-PAIRS IN INTEL OVERHEAD CABLE PRESENTLY LEASED BY FAA AND TO BE TAKEN OVER BY PANAMANIAN CIVIL AERONAUTICS DIRECTORATE.

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2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DEPARTMENT OF ARMY, AS AGENCY WHICH

ORIGINALLY INSTALLED AND STILL CONTROLS CABLE, IS PREPARED TO RELINQUISH THAT PORTION OF CABLE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CANAL ZONE TO GOP. WHILE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF MARCH 31, 1949, REGARDING CABLE, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 14 OF AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT OF SAME DATE, GAVE U.S. RIGHT TO REMOVE OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF CABLE AT END OF AGREEMENT PERIOD, IT WOULD CLEARLY BE IN U.S. INTEREST TO GIVE UP CABLE IN PLACE, AS IT HAS OUTLIVED ITS NORMAL USEFULNESS. EVEN THOUGH DETERIORATED, SECTION LYING OUTSIDE CANAL ZONE COULD BE OF SOME FURTHER USE TO GOP.

3. EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTS (1) AUTHORIZATION FOR TRANSFER

OF OWNERSHIP OF THAT PORTION OF CABLE LYING OUTSIDE CANAL ZONE TO GOP; AND (2) GUIDANCE WHETHER FORMAL AGREEMENT OR SIMPLE NOTIFICATION IS REQUIRED TO EXECUTE TRANSFER. IF FORMAL AGREEMENT REQUIRED, FOLLOWING TEXT FOR DIPLOMATIC NOTE IS PROPOSED:

" I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE NOTE OF HIS EXCELLENCY MINISTER TACK NO. DREU-20/1551 OF JANUARY 28, 1974, AND TO CHARGE D'AFFAIRES DANIELS' NOTE NO. 34 OF APRIL 10, 1974, BOTH CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO A COMMUNICATIONS CABLE (THE CABLE OF MARCH 31, 1949, WHICH HAD BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL MARCH 31, 1974.

"IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE MICROWAVE SYSTEM BETWEEN TOCUMEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND ALBROOK AIR FORCE BASE REFERRED TO IN THESE NOTES, WHICH PROVIDES A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE CABLE, 8S NOW IN OPERATION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PROPOSES THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF THAT PORTION OF THE CABLE WHICH IS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CANAL ZONE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA. THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION WILL ASSUME THE COSTS OF MAINTENANCE OF THE MICROWAVE SYSTEM EQUIPMENT LOCATED WITHIN THE CANAL ZONE OTHER THAN THAT OF SPARE PARTS, WHICH IT IS UNDERSTOOD THE PANAMANIAN DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS WILL FURNISH.

"IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE FURTHER THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY AGREEING THERETO SHALL CONSTITUTE CONFIDENTIAL

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AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE.

"COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE."

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